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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated July 10, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendment appears on page 5 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.